

## ZONE 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

### ATTENDANCE:

Chair	Mark Ryan
Vice Chair	Chris Lam
Treasurer	Carol/Dave Cottam
Athlete Rep	Saveta Holunga
Officials	Lisa out
Officials	Markus Daene
Officials	Mike Flegel
Diversity	Marie out
Equipment	Leo Lin
Sanctions	Angela Cardenas
AAA	Helen Garcia
ALGA	Erica Catic

BSW	Dennis Campbell
BSW	Pam Araujo
CDST	Holly Gallagher
CROW	
DA	JeanAnn Patridge
EBAT	Mark Sand
EBSD	Dionne Dunn
ECG	
ELIT	Paschalis Ntatsos
HILL	Shad Wojtala
LAC	Alex Silver
MONT	Zena Harvill

OAPB	Ron Heidary
ONDA	
PLS	Nan Wang
PST	Stefan Bill
RHAC	
SRVA	Jake Mefford
TERA	Dave Cottam
TIGR	Nathan LeRoy
TRIV	MaryAnn Nygren
UN	Charlie Gonzales
WCAB	Traci Benton
GUEST	Veronica Hernandez

Meeting called to order by Mark Ryan 7:31 PM

**MINUTES:** July minutes **APPROVED**.

### **TREASURER** (Carol Cottam):

- In July deposited 400 in official fines, 290 for broken/missing equipment, 155 for broken radios, 200 in equipment rental. Paid Hasty Awards 1313 Z2 summer champs. Paid storage 380. Reimbursed Leo for equipment repair 854. Made 983 in stock market. We have 83k in funds, 20k in checking.
- In August, deposited 400 in official fines, paid new officials BGC 76, made 1499 in stock market, 84k in funds, 20k in checking. July and August treasurer reports **APPROVED**.
- Finance committee met Thursday. Cindy will be sending a document to all zone chairs and zone treasurers to sign stating we only accept cash or check (for fines, equipment rental etc). No Zelle, Venmo or Paypal. This applies to all Zones. Mark and Carol need to sign document and email back to Cindy.
- BSW and Triton have until 9/19/24 to pay fines, after that, no priority entry. Dennis/BSW said they switched treasurer, will get check to Carol by Thursday.

**CHAIR** Mark is looking forward to the new season and is requesting feedback on how to make the Zone better, make our meets better, maybe more meets like summer champs? Please email Mark your ideas and suggestions.

**ATHLETES** (Saveta) No meeting this month, no report.

**OFFICIALS** (Lisa/Mike/Markus) All meets through end of year are staffed. Working on January now. Invite for Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic October 12 just went out. If you have anyone new on the team who is interested in becoming an official, forward their info to Officials Chairs so they can be included in email distribution list.

**SAFESPORT** Dave has no report

**SANCTIONS** (Angela) All zone 2 meets through Nov 3 are sanctioned. Working on Nov 15-17 TERA Last Chance meet sheet.

**AGE GROUP** Doug not in attendance but sent this email to Chris.

1. Age Group is planning to split Far Westerns into 2 meets- 14&Un & a Senior Far Westerns Meet. Is looking to make Spring Far Westerns as only a 14&UN since it is in the middle of HS Swim Season. Then Summer FW split into the 2 categories. Looking to adjust time standards and include more finals heats, possibly 4 heats of finals.
2. Age Group passing motion to add additional facility fee to PC Age Group Hosted meets (AG Champs + FarW). This will mirror what the Senior Committee has passed for PC Meets. This will allow host teams to add up to a \$20 facility fee which will go directly to the meet host due to rising costs of Hosting these types of meets. Good Example for need of this is that we still do not have a host team for this Winter AG Champs Meet.
3. I would like to make a **motion**, or bring a motion, that Zone 2 follows Pacific Swimming and allows teams hosting c/b/bb+ meets include a facility fee to help compensate teams hosting meets due to rising costs of running meets. I would like to put this out there and maybe table it for our next meeting in October to vote on. **Mark/Markus said this is probably up to the LSC, not a Zone decision, we follow the fee structure set forth by Pacific for zone awarded age group meets. We will wait to see what happens to the AG Committee motion.**

**DIVERSITY:** Marie not in attendance

**EQUIPMENT:** (Leo) Everything is fixed, tested and ready to go. We are in good shape for new season. Continue to identify broken equipment with blue tape, don't use duct tape.

**ZAM SELECTION PROCESS:** Athlete input needed for ZAM selection. Saveta said using March 2025 meets to select athletes for ZAM is a good idea but she's worried about athletes aging up. Charlie said we always use the birthday by the ZAM meet date. Leo said the all star application form should indicate the age of the athlete on May 17. We will use the Meets on Feb 15-16 (not yet bid), March 1-2 and March 22-23 to tally points to select the athletes for ZAM. Feb/March Meet hosts: please consider putting ZAM events in your event program.

**WINTER CHAMPS** Chris cannot find a pool. Soda will no longer rent to Zone 2 due to Safety issue, problem with Marshals. We could hire Soda's security staff. Cal High will be under construction Feb 2025. Stockton too far. Dougherty maybe? Chabot is free but on Saturday, we cannot start warm-ups until 11 am. Chris ran some timelines, moved some events around, moved IMs to Sunday, relays on Sunday(?), looks like we can do 12nn to about 3:15 on Saturday (after relays) and 9am to about 2:30 on Sunday after relays. Helen concerned about the timeline. Leo said if we combine the relays, we can make it shorter. Lots of things we can do to make the meet go faster. Chabot appears to be the best option. Chris will move forward with the arrangements.

**USA SWIMMING BLOCK PARTY PILOT** (Veronica Hernandez) Block parties are causing issues in the LSC. Not a problem in Zone 2 – our calendar is full – but other areas are affected. Block party meets are meets sanctioned directly by USA, not Pacific. Cost is \$175 goes directly to the company, not USA. Pacific gets nothing. Teams are allowed to charge a small entry fee and they keep everything. Times go directly into SWIMS. Times count for LSC championship meets but not sectionals. There are "OTS" meets where USA Swimming officials officiate. There are "non-OTS" meets where anyone officiates, NCAA, YMCA, or coach. Sessions count in OTS. Phase 1 of the pilot is April 2024 to September 2024. Phase 2 of the pilot is October 2024 through September 2025. There are currently 11 teams in Pacific that are on the pilot. In Z2, CROW and WCAB are on the pilot. Helen said the draw is because there are not enough meets, hard to host, not enough volunteers, takes a lot of effort to run a meet. Charlie said maybe Z2 can be more proactive in helping teams staff their intrasquads with officials, be a little more flexible with Observed Meets, not limit it to end of season or championship. Leo said maybe Pacific should look into the fee structure. Ron said maybe it's time to change our format,

move away from 2 day meets, more and more athletes are leaving swimming to do water polo and rec. Veronica is meeting with all the Zones. She will keep us updated.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - table for October

- Remove paper entries?
- In person Z2 BOD meetings?

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2024**

Meeting adjourned 8:43 PM